

Acquisition Reform Success Story



PEACE SUN IX (PSIX) (F-15S)

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Program Description

Peace Sun IX is an F-15 Foreign Military Sales production program, with development, to deliver 72 F-15S aircraft including support equipment, spares, and training to the Royal Saudi government.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

The PSIX program is the largest FMS program in the USAF and the largest single production run of all F-15 programs. Through close working relationships with McDonnell Douglas and the DPRO, the F-15S program implemented Acquisition Streamlining and Clear Accountability In Design (CAID) to greatly reduce and eliminate Data Items, Engineering Change Proposals, Specification Change Notices, and formal changes to Test Plans and Procedures. This required close coordination with McDonnell Douglas to maintain configuration control and provide a high level of program insight while decreasing government oversight. Acquisition Streamlining also played an important part in an FY94 program restructure that reduced and deferred costs by \$450M. Of notable significance, the team began all of these activities even before Acquisition Streamlining was initiated. Follow-on upgrade efforts are planned to streamline even further.

Measure (From previous USAF Production)	FROM	TO
Program Office Manning	typically 200	<40
Contact Data Requirements List	186	93
Military Standards/Specifications	>200	31
Program Savings	0	\$98.1M

Bottom Line: Aircraft and support systems are being delivered on time to a totally satisfied customer, with zero ECPs to date (doing it **better**) while reducing program costs (doing it **cheaper**).